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The following letter was circulated among collectors here :

DEAR SIR,—It has been suggested that some initiative steps be taken towards establishing in the City of Toronto a philatelic association, and with that in view we take this means of bringing the matter before you for your careful consideration. Montreal, Quebec, St. John, Halifax, and other Canadian cities are a long way in advance of Toronto in this respect, each of them having, we understand, an active and thriving association, where the various postage stamp collectors of the respective places are able to discuss the affairs of the philatelic world and be of considerable service to each other in the way of exchanging stamps and increasing an interest in philately.

Here in Toronto there are known to be about thirty active collectors (some of whom might be termed "advanced collectors"), and there are no doubt others, who, were the opportunity afforded, would gladly make themselves known and join with others in forming a strong local association.

It is not considered necessary for the purposes of our own that members should belong to the Canadian Philatelic or any other association, so that all who are interested in postage stamp collecting are cordially invited to aid in undertaking to form an association here.

In addition to the many benefits that will be derived from such an organization, it is proposed at intervals to hold auction sales, such as have been so successful in other cities, as a means of disposing of collections and individual stamps. The annual fee (if any) will, it is hoped, be very nominal indeed, and the undersigned, in view of above and the long absence of any organization of the kind in our midst, solicit your co-operation.

Mr. George Lowe has kindly placed at the disposal of the Association, which it is proposed to call "The Toronto Philatelic Club," his well-appointed and convenient office at No. 346 Spadina Avenue.

The first meeting for the purpose of formation, and election of officers, etc., will be held at the above address, on Wednesday, October 12th, at eight o'clock p.m., and your presence is requested

(Signed) HARTON WALKER.
HERBERT CAWTHRA.
E. Y. PARKER.
GEO. A. LOWE.
W. H. BROUSE.
R. K. SPROULE.
GAMBLE GEDDES.

Toronto, September, 1892.

In response to the above, the following gentlemen assembled at the place and time named : Messrs. Harton Walker, W. McMahon, W. H. Brouse, E. Y. Parker, J. C. Sparks, Wilson Wilby, Whittimore, Jr., E. J. Phillips, Geo. A Lowe.

Regrets were received from the following as not being able to be present : Mr. H. J. Wright, Dr. Norman Walker, Messrs. F. A. Fleming, H. Cawthra, R. K. Sproule, H. P. Whittimore, J. S. Wilson.

Mr. W. H. Brouse was voted to the chair, and Mr. Geo. A. Lowe was appointed secretary for the evening. Many excellent speeches were delivered by the older philatelists, after which the election of officers for the ensuing year took place, the following being the result : President, Mr. W. H. Brouse ; Vice-President, Mr. Harton Walker ; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Geo. A. Lowe ; Executive Committee, Mr. J. C. Sparks, Mr. H. J. Wright, Mr. R. K. Sproule, Mr. W. McMahon and Mr. J. S. Wilson.

The question of yearly dues was referred to the Executive, and a sub-committee was appointed consisting of the President, Vice-President and Mr. E. Y. Parker, who will draft a constitution and statutes and submit same at next meeting, they will also confer and offer suggestions as to Exchange Department, Library, etc.

It was decided to hold meetings the 1st and 3rd Wednesday in each month.

Several matters pertaining to the society and philately generally were discussed, and, after tendering a vote of thanks to Mr. G. A. Lowe for the use of office, the meeting adjourned until Wednesday evening, the 19th October, when a stamp auction sale will be held, the first sale of its kind ever held in Toronto. Each collector is requested to bring his collection, also any interested friend with him.

Review.

Number I. of the *Pentucket Philatelist* is received. It is well gotten up, but the editor might take a lesson in grammar without any undesirable results. The Pentucket Stamp and Publishing Co., Haverhill, Mass.

The Philatelic Era for August comes out with its usual fine look. It was the first arrival giving the full report of the A. P. A. Convention, which was written by the *only* Ralph W. Ashcroft. *The Philatelic Era*, 502 Congress Street, Portland, Me.

The Cape Times has arrived from Table Bay, and is no doubt a valuable medium. Persons wishing foreign correspondence write us, as we are in direct communication with this and many other foreign papers.

The Country Youth for August was received. It devotes very little space to philately. *The Country Youth*, Milwaukee, Wis.

The Toronto Journal of Philately, after receiving cash for about ten subscriptions, went out for a sail on Toronto Bay, and were upset and DROWNED—not much! We rescued them just in time, and were presented with a copy of that valuable paper. It will be thawed out by Xmas.

The Pennsylvania Philatelist for September comes to hand promptly presenting a very creditable appearance. It does not accept the American rule of abhoring all dead languages and quoting poets other than its own. Is the P.P. trying for the official organship of the Sons of Philatelia? Published by H. F. Kautner, 230 Penn. Street, Reading, Pa.

The Fraud Reporter's editorials are all fractions of inches, except those which are not editorials but letters from people who evidently have had a piece of rope strung round their necks and choked everything but gristle and ill-feeling—hidden of course and a coat of justice—out of them. *Philatelic Fraud Reporter*, Stromsburg, Neb.

We found *The American Philatelist* for September on our editorial table looking pretty blue, but, strange to say, very cheerful. About 18 pages are taken up by Convention proceedings. It is now published by C. H. Mekeel, Stamp and Publising Company, St. Louis.

A paper that we could not do without is *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*. It arrives every week, and is always full of interesting reading matter. C. H. Mekeel, Stamp and Publishing Co., St. Louis, Mo.

We also beg to acknowledge the following: *Dominion Philatelist*, *Long Island Philatelist*, *Detroit Philatelist*, *The Stamp*, *Washington Philatelist*, *Electric Philatelist*, *Golden Star*, and E. T. Parker's September Price List.

Philatelic News.

We received the new issue halfpenny Barbados stamp on August 29th. It is very *green*, but is a dandy.

Mr. Luther W. Mott, of Oswego, N.Y., was at the A. P. A. Convention. He has some very good U. S. stamps.

Mr. W. J. Scott and wife, of New York, were in Toronto last month.

Mr. C. H. Holden, formerly of Port Dover, Ont., has removed his residence to Muskegon, Mich.

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The *Ottawa Philatelist* has appeared.

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Editorial Notes.

Probably one of the most important philatelic meetings ever called to order in Toronto was held at the residence of Mr. G. A. Lowe last Wednesday evening. The meeting was of the most enthusiastic nature, and it is safe to predict a bright and successful future for the Toronto Philatelic Club. We wish them every success. A detailed account will be found in another column.

We had the pleasure of looking over the collection of Mr. Wilson Wilby. Weston, Ont., the other day. He has some very fine stamps. His speciality is Indian Native States.

We met Mr. Farrar Ineson of the Junction at an auction sale of coins and stamps not very long ago. He has a fine collection of coins, also some good stamps.

It is reported that a paper will soon be started in Montreal.

The present issue Canada 3c. stamps are being printed and issued in sheets of 200 instead of 100, as formerly.—*Dominion Philatelist.*

Are you sureBrother Ketcheson? We have not seen them in Toronto yet.

We would have a report of the A. P. A. Convention in this paper, but it is a little late. Same about the C. P. A. and P. S. of C.

An interesting curiosity was returned to Toronto the other day. It was no less than a letter that had gone through the recent smash up near Osage City, Kan. It consisted of two Railway ticket vouchers being returned from Leadville, Colo., to the office in Toronto. When taken from the wreck they were returned to Leadville, Colo., to the agent there in a U.S. official envelope marked "Taken from the wreck at Osage City, Kan." From there it was returned to Toronto just about three weeks after it was first sent to Leadville. It presents a very forlorn appearance, and is plentifully bespattered with mud, although it is probable it came through in a much better condition than if it had been a human being. It is being kept by its owner as a relic, and will probably be a valuable curiosity in a few years.

Curious Facts.

I was present once at Toronto post-office when an intelligent-looking young man of twenty did not remember his own name. He had to sign for a remittance by post-office order, and he signed "Bertie ——." The clerk told him "that is not your name," but the young man stuck to it that it was, and the official declined to pay without a proper signature, and at the same time could not from a sense of duty tell him what his real name was. After reflecting for about a couple of minutes the payee came to the conclusion that probably his name was Herbert. The order had been made out in his baptismal name.

The Boston Postmaster was called on the other day to deal with a letter addressed to Charles Smith, K. Pan. He sent it at once to Cape Ann.

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Travels of An Old Shoe.

Its Strange Tour All Over the United States Per Mail Route.

An old, badly-worn shoe passed through Madison in the United States mail on Monday. An old shoe, with half the sole worn off and holes in the uppers, is a rather unusual thing to find in the mail, but this had traveled thousands of miles and not one cent of postage had been paid on it. It is probably still traveling, as it was sent on from here.

There are about 200 tags tied to the holes for the lacings, and something like 150 of them have the stamps of different postoffices on them, together with inscriptions by different postal clerks.

The shoe came to Madison from Minneapolis from St. Paul, to St. Paul from Seattle, to Seattle from Portland, to Portland from San Francisco, to San Francisco from Honolulu, to Honolulu from San Francisco. It is hard to trace its course before that, but it has the stamps of any number of postoffices on it, among them being those at Oakland, Salt Lake City, Denver, Omaha, and any number of cities in the East and some in the South.

Where it has gone from Madison is not positively known. When it was found in the mail pouch it was thrown to one side. Later, one of the clerks picked it up and discovered the distance it had traveled. He read some of the inscriptions, added one and threw it into the mail-pouch, the one that happened to be nearest at the time. It went East, but the exact destination of the pouch he does not know.

The shoe was started from Boston by one of the postal clerks there (the first tag shows that), and there is a request that it be returned there. The idea probably was to see how far it would travel, and if ever it does get back it will undoubtedly have covered more territory than any other one shoe ever did before. But it may not get back to the man who started it on its journey. As no postage is paid on it any postal clerk may keep it as a souvenir ; but so far it seems to have been a point of honor with all to keep it going.

When it is stopped somewhere the inscription and the postmarks will give the record of its journey, and an interesting one it should be.

The inscription put on it in Madison was :

> "I've wandered east, I've wandered west,
> Through many a weary way,
> Seeking yet not finding rest ;
> My soul is worn away."

At St. Paul it was inscribed : "Too small for a big city. Pass it on to the village." Then it was sent to Minneapolis.—*Chicago Inter-Ocean.*

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Personal.

Mr. F. W. Collier, Postmaster-general of British Guiana, was in Ottawa, September 22nd. He paid a visit to the Post-office Department, and had explained to him by Col. White, the Deputy Postmaster-General, the workings of the different branches of the Canadian postal service. Mr. Collier was greatly pleased with the manner in which the postal system of Canada is operated. While here he will arrange with Col. White the details of a direct parcel post service and money order system between Canada and the sister colony.

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Toronto collectors seem to have at last awoke to the fact that our city has the material in it for a first-class local society. The matter has been talked about and discussed for a long time, and I think everybody is ready to set to work with a will, now that a start has been made. A feeling of general co-operation and earnestness seemed to prevail at the initial meeting the other evening, and great things may be looked for from the Toronto Philatelic Club.

I know a gentleman who has what he calls his "pick-up" collection. It consists of all the varieties of stamps he has happened to pick up on the street, and it makes quite an interesting book full.

JEP.

Philatelic Births, Marriages and Deaths.

Births.

"The Pentucket Philatelist," Haverhill, Mass.

"The Florida Philatelist," Thonotosassa, Fla.

"The International Philatelist," Toronto, Can.

"The Reporter," Norwich, Conn.

"The Nebraska Stamp," Central City, Neb.

"Mexico Postal," Guanajuato, Mexico.

"Brazil Philatelico," Rio de Janiero, Brazil.

"Le Questionneur Timbrophilique," Paris, France.

"The Ottawa Philatelist," Ottawa, Ont.

We wish them all possible success.

Marriages.

"The Essex County Philatelist" and "The Pentucket Philatelist," by Geo. M. Frame.

"The International Philatelic Monthly" and "The Golden Star," by A. J. Kirby.

Deaths.

"The Toronto Journal of Philately." No flowers.

"The Essex County Philatelist," at Lawrence, Mass. Shanghai papers please copy.

"The Columbian Philatelist," at Camden, N.J.

"The Michigan Philatelist," at Detroit, Mich. Died after an illness of two months.

"The International Philatelic Monthly," Thursday next. Private.

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Want for collection, United States 1847 5c. and 10c., 1851 5c., 1869 24c. and 90c., 1872 7c. Henry Ades Fowler, 29 Shannon St., Toronto, Ont.

I have a number of philatetic papers to exchange. Send me a list of wants. E. J. Phillips, 23 Draper Street, Toronto, Can.

Wanted, *Detroit Philatelist*, No. 1, April, 1892; *Mekeel's Weekly*, 53 to 64 inclusive, and 83; *Canadian Philatelist*, 1 to 7 inclusive, and 9; *One Dime*, Vol. V., Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6; *Long Island Philatelist*, Nos. 1 and 2. I will give good exchange for the above. W. S. Weatherston, 13 Peter Street, Toronto, Ont.

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